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Sir:

The present Statement is submitted to satisfy Applicant's obligation to memorialize interviews conducted with the Office. As presently understood by the undersigned, a Notice of Allowability of certain pending claims has been drafted but not yet mailed. It is the further understanding of the undersigned that an Examiner's Amendment should issue with the Notice of Allowability which also has not yet been mailed. The present case is apparently in Quality Review pending the issuance of the Notice of Allowability and the Examiner's Amendment. The present communication is intended to expedite issuance by memorializing the substance of the final two interviews which should lead to allowance of certain of the presently pending claims.

On March 3, 2004 an Amendment was filed with an RCE which included amendments to the pending claims and new claims, remarks and a supporting affidavit. Subsequent to the filing

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of the Amendment, an interview was scheduled with Examiner Detwiler and Examiner Detwiler's Supervisor, Mr. John Cabeca. That interview was conducted July 7, 2004.

Present at the interview conducted July 7, 2004 were the undersigned, James DeCarlo; Aditya Krishnan, Patent Counsel for the assignee of the present invention, Yahoo!; Examiner Detwiler, and Supervisory Examiner John Cabeca.

During the interview, the Examiners and the undersigned discussed the March 3, 2004 Amendment and the amendments to the claims and the new claims presented therewith. The undersigned also reiterated the arguments presented in the March 3, 2004 Amendment in connection with the prior art of record, specifically the Burner patent and the Alexa toolbar. Specifically, a copy of the Alexa toolbar software application was provided to the Examiner and his supervisor via an IDS also filed March 3, 2004, and accordingly Messrs. Detwiler and Cabeca viewed the Alexa toolbar in operation as provided. The undersigned also discussed with Messrs. Detwiler and Cabeca the information contained in the Declaration of Ed Seitz which was filed concurrently with the March 3, 2004 Amendment. The claims discussed were new claims 87-113, and the prior art references discussed were the Burner reference, which was a patent directed to the prior art Alexa toolbar software application discussed above. Based upon the information contained in the Amendment and Declaration submitted March 3, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the newly pending claims 87-113 should be in condition for allowance pending a further search. At the conclusion of the interview the Examiner provided the undersigned with an

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Interview Summary reiterating the information above and indicating that agreement was reached with respect to the claims discussed, specifically claims 87-113. The Interview Summary further indicated that the participants in the interview "[d]iscussed the outstanding rejections and the Amendment filed 3 March 2004. The Examiner submitted that the newly added claims overcome the art of record as previously argued. A new search pertaining specifically to the newly added limitations will be conducted". At the interview the undersigned reviewed the Interview Summary and agreed with the Examiner that the Interview Summary accurately reflected the substance of the interview.

Subsequently, on July 12, 2004 Examiner Detwiler telephoned the undersigned to further discuss the pending claims. Specifically, during a telephonic interview conducted on July 12, 2004, Examiner Detwiler proposed amendments to pending claims 95 and 111 and also indicated that the Examiner was not in a position to allow pending claim 113. The undersigned, in an effort to advance prosecution, agreed to changes to claims 95 and 111 and the cancellation of claim 113 to advance allowance of claims 87-112.

With specific reference to claim 95, at line 3, the word "having" was replaced with --comprising:--. Line 10 of claim 95 was amended to insert, after "connection to", the phrase --and download of one or more files from--. Also in line 10, after "Internet site,", the word "including", was deleted and replaced with --said one or more files causing--. Also on line 10, after the term "toolbar", the phrase --to be displayed-- was inserted.

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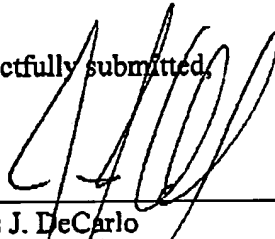
With specific reference to claim 111, in line 14 of that claim, the Examiner suggested amending the claim to insert --user toolbar comprising a-- before the word "user" in line 14. The Examiner further suggested, in line 19 of claim 111, inserting the word --toolbar-- after the second occurrence of the word "user" in line 19, and deleting the term "interface object" from that same line. The undersigned concurred with the changes to claims 95 and 111 as above, and the cancellation of claim 113 without prejudice, which the Examiner indicated would be made via an Examiner's Amendment. To date, such Examiner's Amendment has not issued, and it is now understood by the undersigned that the application is presently pending the Quality Assurance process.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Examiner has not yet mailed an official copy of the final action which would place claims 87-112 in condition for allowance, the undersigned, in an effort to advance prosecution as quickly as possible toward issuance, is submitting the present paper to provide the Office with a Summary of the two interviews that preceded what should be a final action on the merits, even though that final action has not yet been mailed.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above the
Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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